

Operations Chief Meeting
April 14, 2000
Ft. Belvoir/DCMDE/DCMDW
Room 0327 (VTC)

Opening Comments by Mr. Robert Schmitt

Mr. Schmitt said that Col Burckle might be down later this afternoon.

Action Item Review, Mr. Brian Quigley

Actions Items Closed since the March Ops chief meeting:

OP0112 – Jul Action Item #8

OP0120 - August Action Item #4

Actions Items Currently Open:

OP0127 - November Action Item #2

Action Items Open due to the April Ops Chief Meeting:

April Action Item #1: Review Bill of Rights data and analyze. DCMA-O/Mr. Robert Schmitt

April Action Item #2: Inform Field Commanders that the Termination Automation Management System went down 27 March 00. Get together with DCMAIT on proper procedures, backup policy and long term impact on application. DCMA-OA/Ms. Cynthia Brice

April Action Item #3: Explore optional dates for the FST conference. DCMDE/Ms. Molly Marshall

Topics covered at this meeting

Bill of Rights Survey; DCMA-OC/Mr. Syd Pope

- Mr. Pope gave the latest status on the Bill of Rights Survey.
- For the 'Right to Ask for Information' a response is required within 2 days.
 - 155 requests for information were all answered within two (2) days.
- Action – DCMA-O/Mr. Robert Schmitt
 - Conduct an analysis on the past Bill of Rights Survey data. Results to be presented at the May Ops Chief Meeting.

Independent Review of Contract Safety Function; DCMA-OB/Ms. Barbara Karpowicz

- Charter was signed 28 Sep 99
- Team was established to examine the current process:
 - Resource levels
 - Training requirements
 - Organizational structure
 - Management processes.
- The team was also to document and present recommendations for improving economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of DCMA's approach to enforcement of contractual safety requirements.
- Status as of 7 Apr 00:
 - Team assignments formalized 4 Nov 99
 - Initial team meeting 29 Nov 99 to 2 Dec 99
 - Determined approach
 - Identified data collection requirements
 - Assigned tasks
 - Established timeline.
- DCMDE data has been reviewed. Looking for DCMDW and DCMDI data.
- Discussion on whether the Flight Ops and the Specialized Safety work were overlapping.
- Suggested that the boundaries be redrawn so work is distributed equally.
- DCMDW reassesses when a vacancy is created.
- The timeline for site survey might slip.
- Future Staffing Needs was added to other areas to pursue.

- Mr. Schmitt requested the timeline be looked at again to see if timeframe can be reduced, so the final report is delivered sooner. He would like to see recommendations with the report. He requested a June Update.
- Mr. Easter suggested that the team meet again at Ft. Belvoir after all of the site visits are completed. A final report can then be worked on with all participants.

Adding Value to International Military Programs; DCMA-B/CAPT Stephen Brooks, SC, USN

- International and Federal Business Office will be established under DCMA-B and located at Ft. Belvoir. It is a realignment of existing offices. The venture will consolidate the international work.
- The size of the staff is still under review.
- Foreign agreements are on the home page.
- Estimated completion date for consolidation is 30 Jun 00.

Government and Industries Supplier Management Comparison Study; DCMA-OB/Mr. Steve Krivokopich

- Charter signed Dec 99.
- Team was established to review industry supplier management practices
 - Aerospace/Engines
 - Clothing and textiles/Personal clothing
 - Electronics/Global positioning system.
- Initial meeting was held 15-17 Feb 00.
 - Project plan delineated
 - Drafted survey instrument.
- Ms. Ella Studer is going to try and locate a previous study to help in the review.
- Suggested relevant material:
 - GAO studies
 - Penn State studies
 - University of Arizona
 - CBT training
 - Mr. Chuck Hurley.
- Mr. Schmitt recommended reviewing FAR Part 12 and Quality Assurance. Determine what is commercial practice.

Joint OO-ALC and DCMA Non-Conforming Parts and Material IPT; DCMA-OB/MAJ Gary Hickey

- 8 Sep 98 – Ogden sent a letter to DCMA with the following concerns:
 - The Conformance Verification Program (CVP) looks at less than 1%
 - 50% of these are nonconforming
 - 30% usable and 20% unusable.
- 21 Sep 98 – DCMA responded with following:
 - Form an IPT
 - Look at the “whole procurement process”.
- 23 Aug 99 – Ogden and DCMA agree to reviewing “whole procurement process”.
- 17 Feb 00 – Ogden and DCMA meet to form IPT.
- The charter was delineated to accomplish the following:
 - OO-ALC and DCMA will form an IPT to focus on the improvement of procurements processes that have contributed to an unacceptable level of nonconforming parts and material incoming to OO-ALC.
 - Conduct a thorough examination of the procurement process:
 - Acquisition strategy
 - Past performance
 - Selection process
 - Quality of technical data packages
 - Quality/inspection process
 - Failure reporting.

- The IPT is co-chaired between Ogden and DCMA.
- The findings and report are due in Aug 00.
- Recommended that the 30% usable be looked at closely.
 - How were they usable (waived/as-is)?
- Mr. Schmitt had two recommendations:
 - Things that are tested and failed are not placed back into the system.
 - Open QDRs don't necessarily reflect recent buys.
- Mr. Brian Reilly wanted to know why 11 Quality Deficiency Reports are not in the system.

MOCAS Payment Location Study; DCMA-OA/Ms. Vivian Hill

- DFAS came in with an initiative to accomplish the following:
 - Reduce problem disbursements
 - Help with prevalidation
 - Reduce costs to customers
 - Goal of 75% reduction in problem disbursements by Sep 00
 - Looking to have accounting and payment at same location to eliminated problem disbursements
 - Lower prevalidation threshold to \$100,000 (presently \$500,000) by Jul 00 on contracts FY 97 and later
 - Maintain 5 day turn around time for approvals.
- DCMA told DFAS that the contract subject is as important as the dollar value.
- Ms. Marshall asked how the contracts are disbursed between Columbus and OPLOCs. A definitive answer has not been given by DFAS.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Apr/May 00.

Termination Automation Management System; DCMDW/Mr. Michael Cullen

- 27 Mar 00 – The Termination Automation System (TAMS) went down.
- Implementing plan on 14 Apr 00 to attempt to salvage data.
- If it cannot be done within two weeks than a business case will have to be performed.
- Actions – DCMA-OA/Ms. Cynthia Brice
 - Inform field commanders that the system is unavailable for use
 - Coordinate with IT shop to get procedures
 - Find out what the backup policy is
 - Determine the long-term impact on the application.

SIS/RAMP; DCMA-O/Mr. Robert Kennedy

- SIS/RAMP Schedule:
 - 4-28 Apr 00 – SIS/RAMP Operational Test in St. Petersburg, FL
 - 3 May 00 – Milestone III Briefing to ITJSG/CIO – Request to deploy
 - 9 May 00 – Demonstration to "O" Directors, Deputy Directors and BPT
 - 10 May 00 (AM) – Demonstration to "B" & "P" – HQ and District Representatives – MRT members and Unit Cost Team
 - 10 May 00 (PM) – Demonstration to HQ Process Owners
 - 18 May 00 – Demonstration to Executive Council
 - 22-25 May 00 – Acquisition Reform Week, Demonstration to DCMC Syracuse and Twin Cities
 - 20-22 Jun 00 – Demonstration at Commanders Conference Workshops.
- SIS/RAMP Training
 - 12-16 Jun 00 – Train 20 FST's from East and 20 FST's from the West
 - Have a standdown day for training
 - A couple of hours of training
 - Go back and actually use on your computers
 - Remote users would have people go back with them.
- Action – DCMDE/Ms. Molly Marshall

- Explore optional dates for the FST conference.

Team Pages/One Book Chapters: DCMA-OC/Mr. Richard Horne

- Attempting to reaffirm our 'process' orientation vice an 'organization' orientation.
- Make things logical and easy to find.
- If something is not attached to a process, then delete it from the page.
- Attempting to get the 'right information, to the right people, at the right time and in the right amount'.

FAR Part 45 Rewrite: DCMA-OA/Mr. Paul Farley

- Public comments received by FAR Secretariat.
- 6 major issues:
 - Expensing low dollar (under \$5000) property
 - Liability for loss, damage, or destruction
 - As is property
 - Use of best commercial practices for managing property
 - Disposition (timeliness, demil, abandonment)
 - Depreciation using GAAP.
- DDP is representing all of DoD.
- DoD needs to decide as a whole what we want.

Tentative Topics for the May Ops Chief Meeting

- Briefing on Information Technology – John Zorich

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Mr. Robert Schmitt

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